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Land-slides (Kanyakumari)

* 904 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the land-slides recently at the places called Thavuttai, Assarivithu, Korathimalai, Thondu in the hills of Kothanellore Panchayat in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) the reason therefor;

(*c*) the number of arecanuts trees affected thereby;

(*d*) the relief given to the affected persons; and

(*e*) the total extent of paddy crops completely destroyed in the Pandarathu Konam?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The land-slides were due to the heavy rains.

(*c*) Nearly 108 arecanut trees were destroyed.

(*d*) The local authorities have taken action for the relief of the persons affected. The nature of relief granted has not been reported.

(*e*) Four acres.

Sri T. T. DANIEL: Though this land-slide had taken place six or seven months before, may I know the reason why no relief was afforded for the past six months or so? May I also know whether remission of tax would be given to all those who are affected by the land-slide, immediately?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: Sir, I cannot subscribe to the statement made by the hon. Member that no relief was given. I have only stated that the nature of relief granted has not been reported. I think some relief must have been given if the parties were really affected and if they deserved relief.

Drainage schemes

* 905 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

குடியாத்தம் நகரசபை ஏரியாவில் சாக்கடைக் கால்வாய்த் திட்டம் நிறைவேற்றும் வேலை எந்த நிலையில் உள்ளது ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: No Scheme is under the consideration of the Government.

Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: அங்கு சுகாதாரம் மிகவும் மோசமான நிலையிலே இருக்கிற காரணத்தினால், மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்திலே இந்த வடிகால் திட்டத்தை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: Now, greater attention is paid to the water-supply schemes, and drainage schemes are given the next chance only. Now, there are many places where this has to be done. Gudiyatham, not having a higher priority than some other municipalities.